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Minutes

Board of Regents - Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission May 8, 2012

The Louisiana Board of Regents= Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 10:06 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Vice-Chair Jones called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Richard D=Aquin
James Dorris
Keith Jones, Vice-Chair
Raymond Lalonde
Gloria Simmons

Staff Members Present

Chandra Cheatham
Kristi Kron
Carol Marabella

Commission Members Absent

Tina Begnaud
Ralph Bender, Chair
James Fontenot

Guests Present

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from its meeting of March 13, 2012.

On motion of Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. D=Aquin, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the March 13, 2012 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was two change of ownership applications from BAR/BRI, located on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge and on the Tulane University campus in New Orleans, Louisiana. The schools were represented by Mr. Randy Mathews, Corporate Vice President. Ms. Kron informed the Commission that the two locations of BAR/BRI have been licensed since 2002. The change of ownership would have no impact on the students as the school locations, program offerings, and instructors would remain unchanged. BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) and BAR/BRI (New Orleans) had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for a change of ownership.

Following further discussion regarding the reason students participate in the bar review exam preparation, the percentage of law school graduates (85 -- 90 %) who currently enroll in the BAR/BRI review, the schedule of publishing course materials annually with revisions made following legislative changes, the method of marketing the business through word of mouth, the lack of competitors in Louisiana, and the lower cost of presenting the program in our state as opposed to other states,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. D=Aquin, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve a change of ownership application for BAR/BRI, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and for BAR/BRI, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was an application for an Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS) Degree in Network Engineering from Virginia College (Shreveport), located in Bossier City, Louisiana. Mr. Mark Godfrey, Director of Admissions, represented the school before the Commission. Ms. Marabella reminded the Commission that the Proprietary Schools Law requires that AOS degrees be offered only by schools that hold recognized accreditation and that the Board of Regents must approve all AOS degree program offerings. Virginia College (Shreveport) is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. The proposed curriculum for the AOS Degree in Network Engineering is 100.0 quarter credit hours/1,296.0 total contact hours. Full-time students should be able to complete the program requirements in 24 months. Virginia College=s (Shreveport) proposed AOS degree program had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved by the Board of Regents.

Following further discussion regarding how network engineering is a growing field in today=s workforce, the job opportunities that are available for the graduate, the program=s goal of preparing students to sit for the various optional certification exams (CISCO & LINUX), how certification is valued by the employer, other schools in the Shreveport/Bossier area that offer similar programs, and the student/instructor ratio for this proposed program,

On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Simmons, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Network Engineering at Virginia College (Shreveport), located in Bossier City, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were twenty-three (23) schools seeking renewal. These schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

On motion of Mr. D=Aquin, seconded by Mr. Lalonde, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)
Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
Medical Careers College (formerly Delta Training Academy) (04/23/98)
The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)
Sclafani=s Cooking School (04/28/94)
Unitech Training Academy, Inc. (04/24/97)
Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were two institutions that chose not to renew their license: Kaplan, Inc.--Shreveport (04/21/93) and Livingston Technical College, LLC (03/23/11). Since Kaplan, Inc., will maintain a physical presence in the state with the licensure of the Baton Rouge location, the company will be responsible for maintaining the student records of the Shreveport location. Staff will follow through in attempting to secure the student records from Livingston Technical College, LLC.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Vice-Chair Jones reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared with the Commission for information purposes only.

Under Report from Staff, Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that work in the Proprietary Schools Section is progressing well. Staff, in conjunction with Ms. Angelique Duhon Freel of the Attorney General's Office, is currently engaged in the project of revising the rules and regulations of the Commission to insure clarity and conciseness. Upon completion, the Commission will be presented with a draft for consideration for recommendation to the Board. Ms. Marabella also thanked the Commission members for their participation and dedication to serving on the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.

Ms. Marabella reminded the Commission that at its March meeting the Commission had requested that staff contact the State Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding the practice of pet grooming and present its findings at the May meeting. Ms. Marabella deferred to Ms. Kron who informed the Commission that she had spoken to Mr. Mike Tomino, Legal Counsel for the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, who confirmed that the Board of Veterinary Medicine does not

have jurisdiction over professional pet groomers. However, if complaints are received by the Board that a pet groomer is involved in@practicing@ medicine, an investigation would be warranted.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

APPENDIX A

GUESTS

Mark Godfrey

Virginia College (Shreveport)

Katherine Green

LA Department of Justice

Randy Mathews

BAR/BRI